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I do not see how Microsoft's proposed settlement would follow the nature of the antitrust case against it. A direct abuse of their position to promote their products to a population that may be unfamiliar to computer technology should not be allowable, let alone condonable. I also believe that the damages caused by Microsoft's anticompetitive actions far outweigh the resolutions of this settlement. As a computer user, I know that my right to choose software has been denied by Microsoft's control over the industry. Based upon my need to work and communicate with the rest of the computing world, I find myself using Microsoft's products for the sole reason of an absence of choice. The actions of Microsoft as a company to achieve this monopolistic position are common knowledge, and because of the extreme repercussions they have had on the industry and society, this settlement should not be accepted.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen and Computer User